

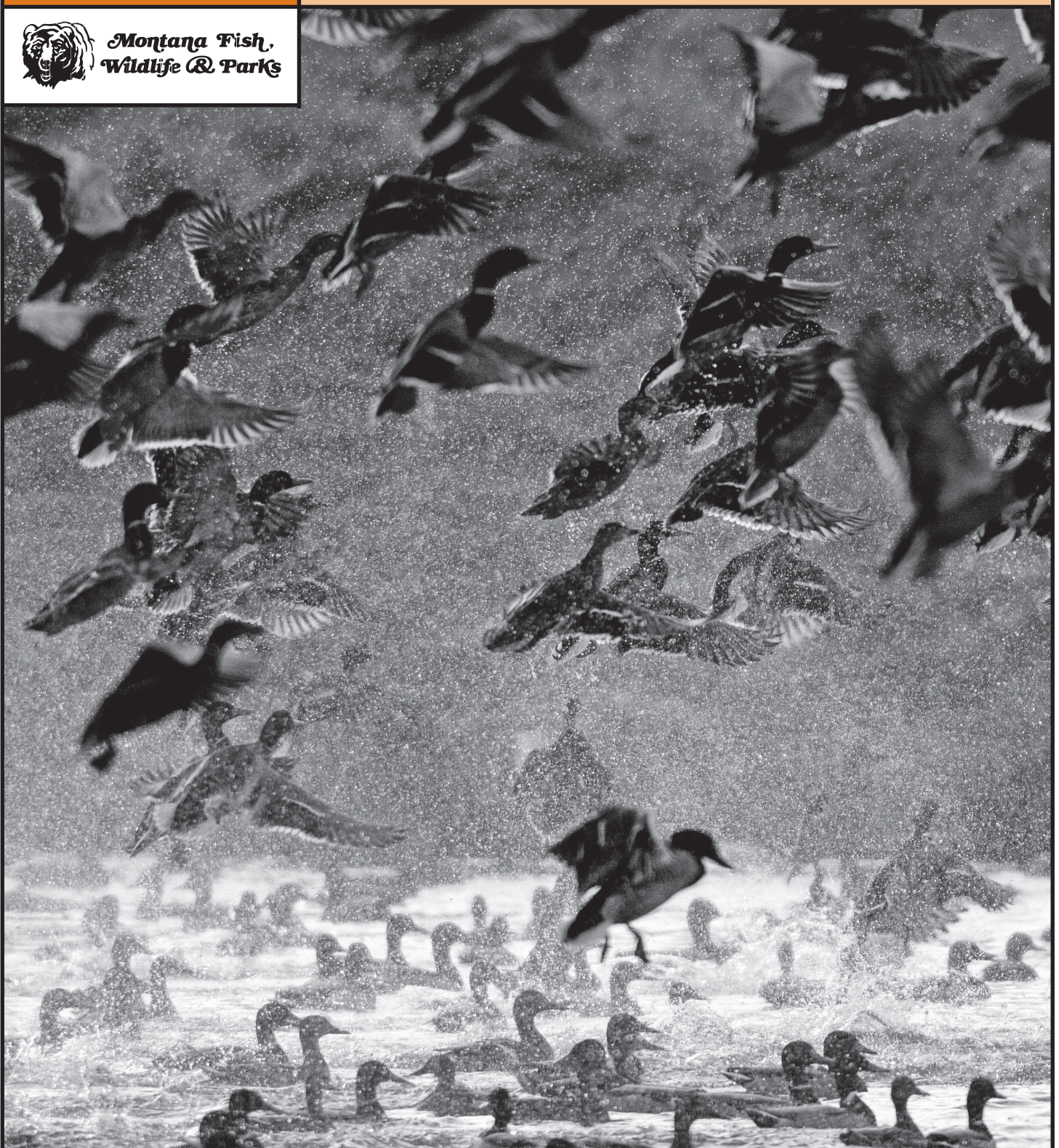
# 2012

## MIGRATORY BIRDS

Montana Hunting Regulations



*Montana Fish,  
Wildlife & Parks*



Mallard ducks in flight. Photo by denverbryan.com

Apply for General Licenses, Special Licenses, and SuperTags Online: [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov)



## Regulations Adopted by FWP Commission

These regulations and final quotas were adopted under the authority granted to the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission per MCA, Section 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013. Final regulations were adopted by the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission on August 30, 2012. Joe Maurier, Director.

## License Requirements

The following licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, FWP license providers throughout the state, and online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) or [mt.gov](http://mt.gov). Exception: The Federal Migratory Bird Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) is available from the US Post Office as well as all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices. The license is valid March 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013. The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a Federal Duck Stamp that is validated by the hunter signing the stamp in ink across the face of the stamp.

Montana Migratory Bird Licensing Requirements						
Waterfowl - (Duck, Geese, Swans)						Webless Migratory Game Birds (Doves, Cranes, Coot & Common Snipe)
Resident and Nonresident	Age	MT Migratory Bird License Required Resident: \$6.50 Nonresident: \$50	Federal Migratory Stamp Required Resident and Nonresident: \$15	Conservation License Required Resident: \$8 Nonresident: \$10	Hunting Access Enhancement Fee Resident: \$2 Nonresident: \$10	
Resident	12* to 15	No	No	Yes	No	Conservation Only
Resident	16 to 61	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Conservation & MT Migratory Bird License
Resident	62+ or FWP Certified Disabled	No	Yes	Yes	No	Conservation Only
Nonresident	12* to 15	No	No	Yes	No	Conservation Only
Nonresident	16+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Conservation & MT Migratory Bird License
* A youth who is currently age 11 but will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2013 is eligible to purchase a Montana Migratory Bird License.						

## Licensing – Hunter Education Requirements

If you were born after January 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course (or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province) prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license.

## Licensing – Youth Hunting Opportunities

A resident or nonresident youth who will reach 12 years of age by January 16, 2013 may hunt any game species, for which their license is valid, after August 15, 2012.

## Swan Drawing Process

### Hunters may apply for a swan permit –

- online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) no later than 11:45 p.m. MDT on September 6, OR
- over-the-counter at any FWP regional office, FWP area office, and/or the Helena Headquarters, OR
- by mail. Mailed applications must include the \$5 nonrefundable drawing fee and must be received by FWP Helena Headquarters no later than 5 p.m. MDT September 6. Applications are available at all FWP regional and area offices or may be downloaded from the FWP website at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov).
- Applicants must possess a current year conservation license to apply.
- Successful applicants will be required to purchase a Montana Migratory Bird license if necessary as specified in these regulations.

## General Regulations

- It is unlawful to interfere with or hinder the lawful taking of a migratory game bird.
- A hunter may purchase only one migratory bird license per year.
- Both resident and nonresident migratory game bird hunters must carry on their person the required license(s).
- A valid "Resident of Flathead Reservation Use Permit" with a valid Flathead Reservation bird stamp will be honored by the State wherever hunting for upland or migratory birds is lawful in Montana.
- Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (MBHIP) – All migratory bird hunters in Montana, as well as in all other states, are required to take part in a National Harvest Survey Program, termed the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (MBHIP).

**A complete summary of Federal migratory bird regulations can be found at:**  
<http://www.fws.gov/hunting/whattres.html>

## Reminders

### What's New

- Goose season in the Central Flyway will have a two-day closure Jan 7-8 but the season will reopen Jan 9 and then close Jan 13.

### Reminders

- Goose season in the Central Flyway is longer than the duck season.
- Apply online for Swan special permit - deadline September 6.

**Method of Taking** – Migratory birds may be taken only with long, recurve or compound bow and arrow or shotgun not larger than ten gauge incapable of holding more than three shells and fired from the shoulder.

**You can hunt migratory game birds, including waterfowl, on, over or from:**

- standing crops or flooded standing crops, including aquatic plants.
- standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation.
- flooded harvested croplands.
- lands or areas where grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural harvesting or normal agricultural post-harvest manipulation.
- lands or areas where top-sown seeds have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, or a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation.
- a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation.
- a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, provided your use of such vegetation does not expose, deposit, distribute or scatter grain or other feed. You should be aware that seeds or grains from such vegetation could create a baited area.
- standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as the result of hunters entering or leaving the area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds. Hunters are cautioned that while conducting these activities, any intentional scattering of grains will create a baited area.

**It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird:**

- on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, or borrow pit right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, per MCA 61-1-202) in the state of Montana; or
- by the aid or with the use of any set gun, jacklight, spotlight or other artificial light, trap, snare, salt lick, or bait per Montana law. Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain or food sources so as to constitute a lure or attraction.

**Baiting** – Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.11 and 20.21(i). You cannot hunt waterfowl or any other migratory game bird by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area where you know or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. Baiting is the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could lure or attract migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them. A baited area is any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds.

**The 10-Day Rule:** A baited area remains off limits to hunting for 10 days after all salt, grain or other feed has been completely removed. Waterfowl will habitually still be attracted to the same area even after the bait is gone. The 10-day rule recognizes that removing bait does not remove the lure created and that waterfowl will still be attracted to the area.

**Check Stations** – All hunters are required to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting and fishing areas, even if they have no game or fish to be checked.

**Hunting Hours** – One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on the Flathead Indian Reservation, where the hunting hours shall be sunrise to sunset. See official sunrise-sunset tables in these regulations.

**Duck Identification** – Links to three identification guides are at the following internet website: [http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/type\\_i.htm](http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/type_i.htm)  
All FWP Regional Offices have free waterfowl ID guides.

**Whooping Cranes** – Whooping cranes are protected by law. It is illegal to take or attempt to take this bird. If a whooping crane is sighted, please call 406-444-2612. For more information on distinguishing sandhill cranes and waterfowl from the protected, endangered whooping crane, you may go to the following website: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/SandhillCranes/SandhillCraneHunters.htm>.

## General Information

**Accidental Dog Captures** – To improve understanding of accidental dog captures in traps or snares, hunters should report such captures to the nearest FWP regional office within 48 hours. A Recreationist Guide to Releasing Traps and Snares is available on the FWP website.

**Reporting Banded Birds** – Internet reporting of bird bands is encouraged and may be easily done by going to: [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov). In most cases you will quickly receive information on when and where a bird was banded. You may also continue to report bands by way of the toll-free telephone number, 1-800-327-BAND (1-800-327-2263).

**Flyways.us** – A new website has the waterfowl status report and much more information. Go to <http://www.flyways.us>

## Hunter Access

**Indian Reservations** – Hunters hunting migratory birds on Indian Reservations should check Indian Reservation regulations. State regulations apply to deeded land within Indian Reservations. The State of Montana and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have entered into a cooperative management agreement on the Flathead Reservation. Please check for migratory bird regulations specific to the Flathead Reservation. For information call FWP at 406-752-5501 or the Tribes at 406-675-2700.

**National Wildlife Refuges** – More restrictive regulations may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact: Special Agent-in-Charge, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P. O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225, telephone 303-236-4306 or visit: <http://www.fws.gov/refuges>

**Private Land Access** – Montana law requires permission for hunting on private land. Even if the land is not posted, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property. Landowners may grant permission face-to-face, over the phone, in writing, or by posting signs that explain the type of hunting allowed—game species or sex—and under what conditions. Visit FWP's website for the Interactive Hunt Planner or visit <http://nris.mt.gov/gis> for assistance with land ownership.

### Public Land

- National Parks are closed to hunting.
- National Wildlife Refuge lands are closed except those areas designated open to public hunting. For hunting opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges or Federal Waterfowl Production Areas, inquire at the local refuge office.
- For hunting opportunities on federal lands such as U.S. Forest Service or U.S. Bureau of Land Management, inquire at the local Federal office.
- Access to public lands through private land requires permission of the private landowner, lessee, or their agent.

**Railroad Access** – Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad. Consult the individual railroad for details.

**State School Trust Lands** – A \$2 fee paid when you purchase your conservation license provides hunters and anglers legal access to State School Trust Lands. Information regarding the rules, regulations, and restrictions governing these activities is available from FWP or contact DNRC at 406-444-2074.

**State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)** which provide big game winter range are closed to public entry from the day following the end of the general deer/elk season or December 1, whichever is later to May 15 each year, as posted.

- **Exception:** Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA closes November 10. From November 11 through the remainder of hunting season that portion of Cottonwood Creek lying downstream from the bridge (at WMA headquarters) including the ditch and pond (DU pond) that are connected to the creek will remain open to hunting for ducks and geese only, as posted.

- **Exception:** Kootenai Falls WMA is open year long; Porcupine (Gallatin), Dome Mountain, Bear Creek and Wall Creek WMAs open May 1.

- Canyon Ferry WMA designated access gates for Ponds 2, 3 and 4 will be opened at Noon the day prior to the opening of the Youth and General Waterfowl Seasons.

**Stream Access** – Migratory game bird hunting between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers is legal. However, landowner permission must be obtained to hunt or retrieve on private lands adjacent to waterways.

## Unlawful Hunting Methods

### No persons shall take migratory game birds –

- With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance.
- With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells.
- From or by means, aid, or use of a sink box or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water.
- From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind.
- From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased.
- By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl.
- By the use or aid of recorded or electronically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electronically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
- By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird.
- By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited.

**Non-Toxic Shot** – No person may take ducks, geese (including brant), swans or coots while possessing shot (either in shot shells or as loose shot for muzzle loading) other than approved non-toxic shot. For a list of approved non-toxic shot, see:

<http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/nontoxic.htm>

## Procedures to Follow Upon Harvesting Migratory Birds

**Species Identification Requirement** – No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

**Wanton Waste** – No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this part without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his/her actual custody. **Note:** State regulations are more restrictive, making it illegal to waste any part of a game bird suitable for food, which includes the breasts of birds the size of a teal duck or smaller and the breasts and thighs of all birds larger than a teal duck.

**Field Possession Limit** – No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) one's vehicle; or (b) his personal abode or temporary place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

**Tagging** – No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

**Custody of birds of another** – No person shall receive migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

## Help Prevent the Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

### Inspect • Clean • Dry

Take the following simple steps to reduce the spread and introduction of nuisance species such as Eurasian watermilfoil and Zebra mussels:

- Inspect your gear for any plants or dirt.
- Wash your gear with clean water.
- Thoroughly dry your gear.
- Drain all water from your boat and equipment.
- Spread the word: encourage others to follow these practices.

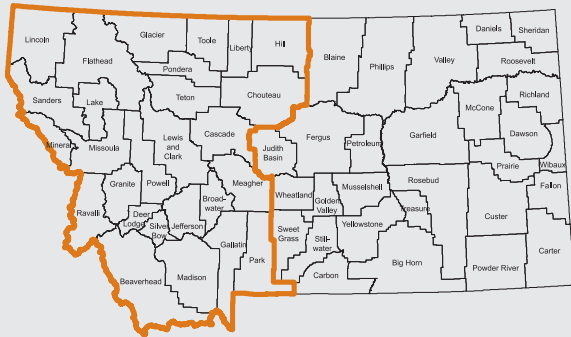
## Special Two-Day Youth Waterfowl Season

September 22-23, 2012 – Statewide

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is allowing two additional days to provide a special hunting opportunity to encourage youth participation in waterfowling. Legally licensed hunters age 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) through 15 may hunt ducks, mergansers, geese and coots statewide on these days. A non-hunting adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter in the field. The bag limit, shooting hours, hunter safety requirements and all other regulations that apply to the regular waterfowl season shall apply to this special season.

Exception: Canyon Ferry WMA: Shooting hours will be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to 12 noon September 22 and 23.

## Pacific Flyway



The Pacific Flyway includes Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher and Park counties and all counties lying west of these.

### Ducks (Including Mergansers)

Bag limit: Daily bag limit shall be 7 ducks or mergansers. Daily bag limit shall not include more than 2 hen mallards, 2 pintails, 2 redheads and 1 canvasback. The possession limit may not exceed twice the daily bag limit of any species and sex.

#### Open Season:

- Sept 22 - Sept 23 – Only youth ages 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) -15.
- Sept 29 - Jan 11 – Standard bag limit. Please note Pacific Flyway exceptions.

### Coots

Bag Limit: 25 daily and in possession.

#### Open Season:

- Sept 22 - Sept 23 – Only youth ages 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) -15.
- Sept 29 - Jan 11 – Please note Pacific Flyway exceptions.

### Geese

Daily limit: 10 white geese (Snow, Blue, Ross) and 4 dark geese (all other geese).

The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

#### Open Season:

- Sept 22 - Sept 23 – Only youth ages 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) -15.
- Sept 29 - Jan 11 – Please note Pacific Flyway exceptions.

### Common (Wilson's) Snipe

Bag limit: 8 daily and 16 in possession.

#### Open Season:

- Sept 1 - Dec 16

### Sandhill Cranes

All Sandhill Crane hunting in the Pacific Flyway is only by special permit. Consult local FWP office or view the Webless Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) for permit information.

### Swan

Hunting in Cascade, Chouteau, Liberty, Hill, Toole and portions of Teton and Pondera Counties by special swan permit only. See Exception 1, Pacific Flyway (Swan). The remainder of the Pacific Flyway within Montana is closed to swan hunting.

Hunting only by special permit. Apply by September 6. Must apply in only one flyway.

Bag limit: 1 swan.

**481-01: 500 permits. Swan hunters must have, as a means of retrieving swans, a watercraft, a dog capable of retrieving or chest-high waders along while hunting the dikes at Freezout.**

- Oct 13 - Dec 1
- Applicants must possess a current year conservation license.
- Hunters may apply for a swan special permit online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) or [mt.gov](http://mt.gov) OR over the counter at any FWP regional or area office no later than September 6,

2012. All applications must be received by September 6, 2012. A special permit application may be downloaded from the FWP website. Send to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Attn: Swan Special Permit Drawing, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.

72-Hour reporting requirement - Federal regulations require that hunters shooting a swan in the Pacific Flyway portion of Montana must complete and return a Swan Bill Measurement Card within 72 hours of harvesting a swan. Bill measurement cards may be returned to Montana FWP by: 1) deposit in regular US mail, or 2) by deposit in Swan Bill Measurement Card Deposit Boxes situated in numerous locations at Freezout WMA, or 3) by submitting card to any FWP office.

## Pacific Flyway – Falconry

Bag Limit: For all permitted migratory birds, the bag limit is 2 daily and 6 in possession, singly or in the aggregate, during the regular hunting season.

### Ducks (including Mergansers) and Coots

#### Open Season:

- Sept 29 - Jan 11

### Geese

#### Open Season:

- Sept 29 - Jan 11

## Exceptions – Pacific Flyway

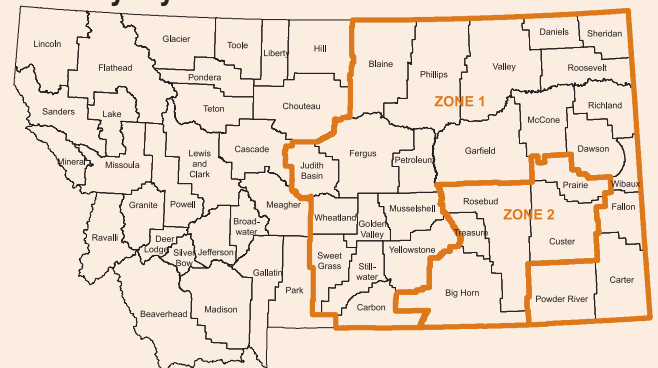
### Swans

- Exception 1: Closed to hunting of all swans: those portions of Teton and Pondera counties lying west of US Highway 287 from Augusta to Choteau and US Highway 89 from Choteau to the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.

### Ducks, Geese, Mergansers, Coots

- Exception 1, Canyon Ferry: September 29 - October 5, 2012, and the special two-day youth waterfowl season September 22-23, 2012. Hunting hours for all ducks, geese, mergansers and coots shall be one-half hour before sunrise to noon daily; thereafter, October 6, 2012 until close of the season, regular hunting hours apply. See legal description below.
- Those portions of Broadwater, Lewis and Clark and Jefferson counties as follows: Beginning at Canyon Ferry Dam, then in a westerly and southerly direction along State Route 284 to US Highway 287, then east along said highway approximately one-quarter (1/4) mile to the Jefferson-Broadwater County line, then southerly along said line to the SW corner of T7N, R1W, then easterly along the south boundary of said township to its intersection with Indian Creek, then easterly down said creek to its intersection with US Highway 287, then southerly along said highway to its intersection with U. S. Highway 12 at Townsend, then easterly along said highway to the Broadwater-Meagher County line, then northerly along said line to the head of Magpie Gulch, then southerly down said gulch to State Route 284, then westerly along said highway to Canyon Ferry Dam, the point of beginning.
- Exception 2, Portion of Missoula County: Closed to hunting of all geese: See statewide closures for legal description.

## Central Flyway



The Central Flyway includes Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Judith Basin, Stillwater, Sweet Grass and Wheatland counties and all counties lying east of these.

Zone 1: Includes Blaine, Carbon, Carter, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux & Yellowstone counties.

Zone 2: Includes Big Horn County (where the Bighorn River is the county line between Yellowstone and Treasure counties, the Zone 1 and 2 boundary shall be northerly along State Hwy 47 to its junction with then north along the section lines on the east side of Sections 30 and 31 to the Yellowstone River), Custer, Prairie, Rosebud and Treasure counties.

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### Ducks (Including Mergansers)

Bag limit: The daily bag limit is 6 ducks or mergansers. The daily bag limit may contain no more than 5 mallards of which no more than 2 may be hens, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 hooded mergansers, 2 pintails and 1 canvasback.

The possession limit may not exceed twice the daily bag limit of any species and sex.

#### **Open Season:**

- Sept 22 - Sept 23 – Only youth ages 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) -15.
- Sept 29 - Jan 3

### Coots

Bag Limit: 15 daily and 30 in possession.

#### **Open Season:**

- Sept 22 - Sept 23 – Only youth ages 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) -15.
- Sept 29 - Jan 3

### Geese

Daily limit: 20 white geese (Snow, Blue, Ross') and 5 dark geese (all other geese).

The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

#### **Open Season:**

- Sept 22 - Sept 23 – Only youth ages 12 (by Jan 16, 2013) -15.
- Sept 29 - Jan 6
- Jan 7 - Jan 8 – **CLOSED** to all goose hunting.
- Jan 9 - Jan 13

### Common (Wilson's) Snipe

Bag limit: 8 daily and 16 in possession.

#### **Open Season:**

- Sept 1 - Dec 16

### Sandhill Cranes - Over-the-Counter Permit

Persons wishing to hunt Sandhill Cranes in the Central Flyway must obtain a free permit available from the Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge; Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge; Fish, Wildlife & Parks regional headquarters in Glasgow, Billings, Miles City; or the Fish, Wildlife & Parks office in Helena.

Exception 1: That area south and west of I-90 is closed to the hunting of Sandhill Cranes.

Exception 2: Hunting by special permit only in Wheatland, Meagher and Golden Valley counties and that portion of Sweetgrass County north of I-90.

Bag limit: 3 daily and 6 in possession.

#### **Open Season:**

- Sept 29 - Nov 25

## **Statewide Closures**

**Portion of Missoula County:** Closed to hunting of all geese. A tract of land comprised of portions of Sections 20, 21, 28, T13N, R18W, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Montana Power Dam at Milltown and extending in an easterly direction along the north shore of the impoundment to Interstate 90, then in a southeasterly direction along said interstate to the Old Milwaukee Railroad, then in a southwesterly direction across the reservoir where the old railroad bridge existed, then in a northwesterly direction along the railroad to the Montana Power Dam, the point of beginning.

**Region 2, Warm Springs Pond No. 3 (Deer Lodge County):** An area of land comprising portions of Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, T4N R10, portions of Sections 30 and 31, T5N, R9W, and portions of Sections 25 and 36, T5N, R10W, described as follows: Beginning at the junction of Interstate 90 and the Opportunity Road; then northerly on said road to the northerly base of the dike of Warm Springs Settling Pond No. 3; then northwesterly along the base of said dike to the area road passing through the Mill-Willow Bypass; then due west from junction of base of said dike and road to Interstate 90 (as posted), then southerly along said interstate to its junction with Opportunity Road, the point of beginning.

**Region 3, Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir (Lewis & Clark County):** The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, T10N, R2W in the Helena Valley as posted. (This area will be open to hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

**Region 3, South Half of Lake Helena (Lewis & Clark County):** Beginning at a point in the southwest part of Lake Helena to be marked by a red buoy, then in a southwesterly direction to the south shore, then south approximately ½ mile, then in an easterly direction 1-1/2 miles, then north ¼ mile, then east ¾ mile to the west bank of the BLM drain ditch D-7, then down the west bank of the drain ditch to the lake and out into the lake a distance of 400 yards to a point marked by a red buoy, then in a southwesterly direction across the lake to the point of beginning in parts of Sections 23, 24, 25 and 26, T11N, R3W, and in parts of Sections 19 and 30, T11N, R2W.

**Region 3, Portion of the Manhattan Game Closure:** Beginning at the intersection of the west bank of the West Gallatin River and Interstate 90, then running west along the south boundary of said Interstate to a point near the interstate which leads to the ranch entrance of the R. A Young Ranch, then southwesterly to the east bank of the Spring Creek irrigation canal, then southwesterly along the east bank of said canal

### Sandhill Cranes - Special Drawing Permit

*All Sandhill Crane hunting in Wheatland, Meagher and Golden Valley counties and that portion of Sweetgrass County north of I-90 is only by special permit. Consult local FWP office or view the Webless Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) for permit information.*

### Tundra Swan

**Hunting only** by special permit. Apply by Sept 6. Must apply in only one flyway.

Bag limit: 1 Tundra swan.

#### **684-01: 500 permits.**

- Sept 29 - Jan 3
  - Applicants must possess a current year conservation license.
  - Hunters may apply for a swan special permit online at [fwp.mt.gov](http://fwp.mt.gov) or [mt.gov](http://mt.gov) OR over the counter at any FWP regional or area office no later than September 6, 2012. All applications must be received by September 6, 2012. A special permit application may be downloaded from the FWP website. Send to Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Attn: Swan Special Permit Drawing, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.
  - Surplus Central Flyway swan special permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis after September 20, either online, or over the counter at any FWP regional or area office.

## **Central Flyway – Falconry**

Bag Limit: For all permitted migratory birds, the bag limit is 2 daily and 6 in possession, singly or in the aggregate, during the regular hunting season and the extended falconry season.

### Falconry – Ducks (Including Mergansers) and Coots

#### **Open Season:**

- Sept 19 - Jan 3

#### **Falconry – Geese**

- Sept 29 - Jan 6
- Jan 7 - Jan 8 – **CLOSED** to all goose hunting.
- Jan 9 - Jan 13

to the closest point to the Perk's Canal, then (as posted) westerly to the Perk Canal, then southerly along the east bank of the Perk Canal to Camp Creek, then southerly along the southeast side of Camp Creek to a left fork known as Spring Creek, then southerly along the southeast bank of Spring Creek to the south line of Section 23, T1N, R3E, then east along the south line of Sections 23 and 24, T1N, R3E, and Section 19 T1N, R4E, to the West Gallatin River, then north along the west bank of said river to its intersection with Interstate 90, the point of beginning.

**Region 4, Freezout Wildlife Management Area: (Teton County):** SW1/4, Section 19, Sections 29 and 30, T22N, R3W, W1/2 Section 12, W1/2 of E1/2 Section 12, and that portion of Sections 13 and 24 within the posted boundary of the Freezout Wildlife Management Area, T22N, R4W. This area will be open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the general waterfowl season. From the opening of the waterfowl season through November 19, 2010, no hunting, access or harassment of wildlife will be allowed except for the direct and immediate foot, boat or dog retrieval of downed game having fallen in the closed area. This area will then reopen for all hunting from November 20, 2010 to the end of the season.

**Region 4, Missouri River (Cascade County):** The Missouri River below the ordinary high water inclusive of all islands, backwaters, and sandbars, beginning at the confluence of Sand Coulee Creek and the Missouri River, Section 36, T20N, R3E, then downstream to Black Eagle Dam, Section 6, T20N, R4E.

**Region 6, McLean Reservoir (Hill County):** Approximately 2,560 acres located in Sections 16, 17, 20, 21, T36N, R15E.

**Region 6, Nelson Reservoir (Phillips County):** All of those parts of Nelson Reservoir and within 300 yards of its shoreline within the following described sections: Sections 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, T32N, R32E; and Sections 25 and 26, T32N, R31E; and Section 1, T31N, R31E; and Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6, T31N, R32E.

**Region 6, Sands Lake (Hill County):** SW ¼, Section 18, T32N, R16E.

**Region 7, Treasure & Rosebud Counties:** Beginning at the junction of the Bighorn and Yellowstone Rivers, then east down the Yellowstone River to the Rosebud-Custer County line, east of Hathaway, Montana (as posted). This closure shall be within the confines of the normal stream flow and shall include all islands, backwaters and sandbars.

# TOM ROSTER'S 2012 NONTOXIC SHOT LETHALITY TABLE<sup>©</sup>

Proven Nontoxic Shot Loads For Waterfowl & Upland Game Birds <sup>1</sup> Load Velocity: 1,225 - 1,450 FPS  ACTIVITY	Typical Shooting Range of Activity (Yards)	Most Effective Nontoxic Shot Size(s) For Birds Listed Under the First Column Entitled ACTIVITY	Minimum Load Weight (Ounces)	Minimum Pellet Hits Needed on Lethal Areas for Clean Kills	Minimum Pattern Count Needed at Any Distance for Clean Kills (# of Pellets in 30" Circle)	Most Effective Choke(s) (Given in Lead Shot Choke Designations)	NOTE: The pellets in the steel shot loads listed in this table were traditional, highly spherical ball-shaped pellets of ~ 7.86 g/cc density and 90-95 DPH hardness. The HEVI-Shot pellets were of 12.0 g/cc density and slightly harder than traditional steel pellets.
<b>Large Geese At Long Range</b> Giant, Western, Atlantic and Interior Canadas	50-65 50-70	Steel BBB to T HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	50-55 50-55	Improved Modified Improved Modified, Full	
<b>Large Geese Over Decoys</b>	35-50 35-50	Steel BB to BBB HEVI-Shot 2 to B	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	50-55 50-55	Improved Cylinder, Modified Improved Cylinder, Modified	
<b>Medium/Small Geese Long Range</b> Snow, White-fronted, Lesser Canadas	50-65 50-65	Steel BB to BBB HEVI-Shot 2	1-1/4 1-1/2	1-2 1-2	60-65 60-65	Improved Modified Improved Modified, Full	
<b>Medium/Small Geese Over Decoys</b>	35-50 35-50	Steel 2 to BB HEVI-Shot 4 to 2	1-1/8 1-1/4	1-2 1-2	60-65 60-65	Light Modified, Modified Improved Cylinder, Modified	
<b>Large Ducks At Long Range</b> Mallard, Black, Pintail, Goldeneye, Gadwall	45-65 45-65	Steel 2 to 1 HEVI-Shot 4	1-1/8 1-1/4	1-2 1-2	85-90 85-90	Improved Modified, Full Improved Modified, Full	
<b>Large Ducks Over Decoys</b>	20-45 20-45	Steel 6 to 2 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	3/4 - 1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	85-90 85-90	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds) I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
<b>Medium Ducks Over Decoys</b> Wigeon, Scaup, Shoveler	20-45 20-45	Steel 6 to 3 HEVI-Shot 6 to 4	1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	115-120 115-120	I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds) I.C. (20-35 Yds), Mod. (35-45 Yds)	
<b>Small Ducks Over Decoys</b> Teal, Ruddy, Bufflehead	20-45 20-45	Steel 6 to 4 HEVI-Shot 6	1 1-1/8	1-2 1-2	135-145 135-145	Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds) Mod. (20-35 Yds), Full (35-45 Yds)	
<b>Ring-Necked Pheasants</b>	20-50 20-50	Steel 3 to 2 HEVI-Shot 4	1 1-1/8	2-3 2-3	90-95 90-95	I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds) I.C. (20-30 Yds), Mod. (30-50 Yds)	
<b>Turkeys (Head and Neck Shots)</b>	20-40	Steel 4	1-1/4	3-4	210-230	Full or Extra Full	
<b>Swatter Load For Wounded Birds</b>	20-30	Steel 7 to 6	1	1	175	Improved Modified, Full	

This table summarizes Tom Roster's analyses to date of the waterfowl lethality data bases for certain of the 15 U.S. steel versus lead waterfowl shooting tests run between 1968 & 1982 & one steel-only pheasant shooting test plus lethality data bases owned by ammunition companies for birds taken with nontoxic shotshell loads Roster tested for them & the CONSEP organization. Note: Steel #BBB (.190") and HEVI-Shot #2 (.150") have exhibited the best all-around performance for taking geese; steel #3 (.140") and HEVI-Shot #4 (.130") the best all-around performance for taking ducks; and steel #2 and HEVI-Shot #4 the best all-around performance for taking ring-necked pheasants.

<sup>1</sup>These findings are derived from testing 3" 20 gauge; 2 1/4", 3" and 3 1/2" 12 gauge; and 3 1/2" 10 gauge steel loads; plus 3" 20 gauge and 2 1/4" and 3" 12 gauge HEVI-Shot loads.

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## Avian Influenza

### National Early Detection Effort

- Avian influenza, or bird flu, is a common viral infection of wild birds, including waterfowl and shorebirds that rarely is passed on to people.
- Several years ago, a virulent form of bird flu—Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1)—emerged to sicken and kill domestic poultry in Asia, Africa and Europe.
- The virulent strain, H5N1, has not yet been found anywhere in North America.
- H5N1 is primarily a disease of birds, not humans. Should H5N1 be detected anywhere in North America, it would not signal the start of a human health crisis.

### Common Sense Precautions

- Viruses like H5N1 are shed from birds in fecal material and other body fluids; so avoid contact with these materials while plucking and cleaning birds.
- Do not harvest or handle wildlife that is obviously sick or found dead.
- Wear rubber gloves while cleaning game.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning game.
- Wash hands with soap and water or alcohol wipes after handling game.
- Wash tools and work surfaces used to clean game with soap and water, then disinfect with a 10 percent solution of chlorine bleach—one part chlorine to 10 parts water.
- Separate raw meat, and anything it touches, from cooked or ready-to-eat foods to avoid contamination.
- Cook game meat thoroughly, to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

## 2012 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of Migratory Game Birds begin one-half hour before sunrise and end at sunset each day of the hunting season. (Do not use times from other sources).



### ZONE 1

**INCLUDES:** Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders Counties

Day	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
01	6:56	8:14	7:36	7:15	8:19	6:19	8:01	4:49	8:21	4:59
02	6:58	8:12	7:37	7:13	8:21	6:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	5:00
03	6:59	8:10	7:38	7:11	8:22	6:16	8:03	4:48	8:21	5:01
04	7:00	8:08	7:40	7:09	8:24	6:15	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02
05	7:02	8:06	7:41	7:07	8:25	6:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03
06	7:03	8:04	7:42	7:05	8:27	6:12	8:07	4:48	8:21	5:04
07	7:04	8:03	7:44	7:03	8:28	6:11	8:08	4:48	8:20	5:05
08	7:05	8:01	7:45	7:01	8:30	6:09	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:06
09	7:07	7:59	7:46	6:59	8:31	6:08	8:10	4:47	8:20	5:07
10	7:08	7:57	7:48	6:57	8:33	6:07	8:11	4:47	8:19	5:08
11	7:09	7:55	7:49	6:55	8:34	6:06	8:12	4:47	8:19	5:10
12	7:11	7:53	7:51	6:53	8:35	6:05	8:13	4:47	8:18	5:11
13	7:12	7:51	7:52	6:52	8:37	6:03	8:13	4:48	8:18	5:12
14	7:13	7:49	7:53	6:50	8:38	6:02	8:14	4:48	8:17	5:14
15	7:14	7:47	7:55	6:48	8:40	6:01	8:15	4:48	8:17	5:15
16	7:16	7:45	7:56	6:46	8:41	6:00	8:16	4:48	8:16	5:16
17	7:17	7:43	7:58	6:44	8:43	6:00	8:16	4:49	8:15	5:18
18	7:18	7:41	7:59	6:42	8:44	6:00	8:17	4:49	8:14	5:19
19	7:20	7:39	8:00	6:41	8:46	6:00	8:18	4:49	8:14	5:20
20	7:21	7:37	8:02	6:39	8:47	6:00	8:18	4:50	8:13	5:22
21	7:22	7:35	8:03	6:37	8:48	6:00	8:19	4:50	8:12	5:23
22	7:24	7:32	8:05	6:35	8:50	6:00	8:19	4:51	8:11	5:25
23	7:25	7:30	8:06	6:34	8:51	6:00	8:20	4:51	8:10	5:26
24	7:26	7:28	8:08	6:32	8:52	6:00	8:20	4:52	8:09	5:28
25	7:28	7:26	8:09	6:30	8:54	6:00	8:20	4:53	8:08	5:29
26	7:29	7:24	8:10	6:29	8:55	6:00	8:21	4:53	8:07	5:31
27	7:30	7:22	8:12	6:27	8:56	6:00	8:21	4:54	8:06	5:32
28	7:32	7:20	8:13	6:25	8:58	6:00	8:21	4:55	8:05	5:34
29	7:33	7:18	8:15	6:24	8:59	6:00	8:21	4:56	8:04	5:35
30	7:34	7:16	8:16	6:22	9:00	6:00	8:21	4:57	8:03	5:37
31			8:18	6:21			8:21	4:58	8:01	5:38

### ZONE 2

**INCLUDES:** Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole Counties.

Day	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
01	6:49	8:06	7:28	7:07	8:11	6:12	7:52	4:42	8:12	4:52
02	6:50	8:04	7:29	7:05	8:12	6:11	7:53	4:42	8:12	4:53
03	6:51	8:02	7:30	7:03	8:14	6:09	7:55	4:42	8:12	4:54
04	6:53	8:00	7:31	7:01	8:15	6:08	7:56	4:41	8:12	4:55
05	6:54	7:58	7:33	6:59	8:17	6:06	7:57	4:41	8:12	4:56
06	6:55	7:56	7:34	6:57	8:18	6:05	7:58	4:41	8:12	4:57
07	6:56	7:54	7:36	6:55	8:20	6:04	7:59	4:41	8:11	4:58
08	6:58	7:52	7:37	6:53	8:21	6:02	8:00	4:41	8:11	4:59
09	6:59	7:50	7:38	6:51	8:22	6:01	8:01	4:41	8:11	5:00
10	7:00	7:49	7:40	6:50	8:24	6:00	8:02	4:41	8:10	5:02
11	7:02	7:47	7:41	6:48	8:25	6:00	8:03	4:41	8:10	5:03
12	7:03	7:45	7:42	6:46	8:27	6:00	8:04	4:41	8:10	5:04
13	7:04	7:43	7:44	6:44	8:28	6:00	8:04	4:41	8:09	5:05
14	7:05	7:41	7:45	6:42	8:30	6:00	8:05	4:41	8:08	5:07
15	7:07	7:39	7:47	6:40	8:31	6:00	8:06	4:41	8:08	5:08
16	7:08	7:37	7:48	6:38	8:33	6:00	8:07	4:41	8:07	5:09
17	7:09	7:35	7:49	6:37	8:34	6:00	8:07	4:42	8:06	5:11
18	7:11	7:33	7:51	6:35	8:35	6:00	8:08	4:42	8:06	5:12
19	7:12	7:31	7:52	6:33	8:37	6:00	8:09	4:43	8:05	5:13
20	7:13	7:29	7:54	6:31	8:38	6:00	8:09	4:43	8:04	5:15
21	7:14	7:27	7:55	6:30	8:40	6:00	8:10	4:44	8:03	5:16
22	7:16	7:25	7:56	6:28	8:41	6:00	8:10	4:44	8:02	5:18
23	7:17	7:23	7:58	6:26	8:42	6:00	8:11	4:45	8:01	5:19
24	7:18	7:21	7:59	6:25	8:44	6:00	8:11	4:45	8:00	5:21
25	7:20	7:19	8:01	6:23	8:45	6:00	8:11	4:46	7:59	5:22
26	7:21	7:17	8:02	6:21	8:46	6:00	8:12	4:47	7:58	5:24
27	7:22	7:15	8:04	6:20	8:47	6:00	8:12	4:47	7:57	5:25
28	7:24	7:13	8:05	6:18	8:49	6:00	8:12	4:48	7:56	5:27
29	7:25	7:11	8:06	6:17	8:50	6:00	8:12	4:49	7:55	5:28
30	7:26	7:09	8:08	6:15	8:51	6:00	8:12	4:50	7:54	5:30
31			8:09	6:13			8:12	4:51	7:53	5:31

### ZONE 3

**INCLUDES:** Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone Counties

Day	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
01	6:38	7:56	7:17	6:56	8:01	6:01	7:44	4:30	8:04	4:39
02	6:39	7:54	7:19	6:54	8:03	5:59	7:45	4:30	8:04	4:40
03	6:40	7:52	7:20	6:52	8:04	5:58	7:46	4:29	8:04	4:41
04	6:42	7:50	7:21	6:50	8:06	5:56	7:47	4:29	8:04	4:43
05	6:43	7:48	7:23	6:48	8:07	5:55	7:48	4:29	8:03	4:44
06	6:44	7:46	7:24	6:46	8:09	5:53	7:49	4:29	8:03	4:45
07	6:46	7:44	7:25	6:44	8:10	5:52	7:50	4:28	8:03	4:46
08	6:47	7:42	7:27	6:43	8:12	5:51	7:51	4:28	8:03	4:47
09	6:48	7:40	7:28	6:41	8:13	5:49	7:52	4:28	8:02	4:48
10	6:50	7:38	7:30	6:39	8:15	5:48	7:53	4:28	8:02	4:50
11	6:51	7:36	7:31	6:37	8:16	5:47	7:54	4:28	8:01	4:51
12	6:52	7:34	7:32	6:35	8:18	5:46	7:55	4:28	8:01	4:52
13	6:53	7:32	7:34	6:33	8:19	5:45	7:56	4:29	8:00	4:53
14	6:55	7:30	7:35	6:31	8:21	5:43	7:57	4:29	8:00	4:55
15	6:56	7:28	7:37	6:29	8:22	5:42	7:57	4:29	7:59	4:56
16	6:57	7:26	7:38	6:27	8:24	5:41	7:58	4:29	7:58	4:57
17	6:59	7:24	7:40	6:26	8:25	5:40	7:59	4:29	7:58	4:59
18	7:00	7:22	7:41	6:24	8:26	5:39	7:59	4:30	7:57	5:00
19	7:01	7:20	7:42	6:22	8:28	5:38	8:00	4:30	7:56	5:02
20	7:03	7:18	7:44	6:20	8:29	5:37	8:01	4:31	7:55	5:03
21	7:04	7:16	7:45	6:19	8:31	5:36	8:01	4:31	7:54	5:04
22	7:05	7:14	7:47	6:17	8:32	5:36	8:02	4:32	7:53	5:06
23	7:07	7:12	7:48	6:15	8:33	5:35	8:02	4:32	7:53	5:07
24	7:08	7:10	7:50	6:13	8:35	5:34	8:02	4:33	7:52	5:09
25	7:09	7:08	7:51	6:12	8:36	5:33	8:03	4:34	7:51	5:10
26	7:11	7:06	7:53	6:10	8:37	5:33	8:03	4:34	7:49	5:12
27	7:12	7:04	7:54	6:08	8:39	5:32	8:03	4:35	7:48	5:13
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29	7:15	7:00	7:57	6:05	8:41	5:31	8:04	4:37	7:46	5:16
30	7:16	6:58	7:58	6:04	8:42	5:31	8:04	4:38	7:45	5:18
31			8:00	6:02			8:04	4:39	7:44	5:19

### ZONE 4

**INCLUDES:** Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon, Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley and Wibaux Counties

Day	Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
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02	6:26	7:39	7:04	6:40	7:47	5:46	7:28	4:18	7:47	4:29
03	6:27	7:37	7:05	6:38	7:49	5:45	7:29	4:17	7:47	4:30
04	6:28	7:35	7:07	6:36	7:50	5:43	7:30	4:17	7:47	4:31
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06	6:31	7:31	7:09	6:33	7:53	5:41	7:32	4:17	7:46	4:33
07	6:32	7:30	7:11	6:31	7:54	5:39	7:33	4:17	7:46	4:34
08	6:33	7:28	7:12	6:29	7:56	5:38	7:34	4:16	7:46	4:35
09	6:34	7:26	7:13	6:27	7:57	5:37	7:35	4:16	7:45	4:36
10	6:36	7:24	7:15	6:25	7:59	5:36	7:36	4:16	7:45	4:37
11	6:37	7:22	7:16	6:23	7:00	5:34	7:37	4:16	7:45	4:39
12	6:38	7:20	7:17	6:21	7:02	5:33	7:38	4:17	7:44	4:40
13	6:39	7:18	7:19	6:19	7:03	5:32	7:39	4:17	7:44	4:41
14	6:41	7:16	7:20	6:18	7:04	5:31	7:40	4:17	7:43	4:43
15	6:42	7:14	7:21	6:16	7:06	5:30	7:41	4:17	7:42	4:44
16	6:43	7:12	7:23	6:14	7:07	5:29	7:41	4:17	7:42	4:45
17	6:45	7:10	7:24	6:12	7:09	5:28	7:42	4:18	7:41	4:47
18	6:46	7:08	7:26	6:10	7:10	5:27	7:43	4:18	7:40	4:48
19	6:47	7:06	7:27	6:09	7:11	5:26	7:43	4:18	7:40	4:49
20	6:48	7:04	7:28	6:07	7:13	5:25	7:44	4:19	7:39	4:50
21	6:50	7:02	7:30	6:05	7:14	5:24	7:44	4:19	7:38	4:52
22	6:51	7:00	7:31	6:04	7:15	5:23	7:45	4:20	7:37	4:54
23	6:52	6:58	7:33	6:02	7:17	5:23	7:45	4:21	7:36	4:55
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## Contacts

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Helena, MT 59620-0701 ..... **406-444-2535**  
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Wildlife Division ..... **406-444-2612**  
Enforcement Division ..... **406-444-2452**  
Parks Division (Montana State Parks) ..... **406-444-3750**  
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mountain goat, and all special drawings ..... **406-444-2950**  
Resident and nonresident licensing for  
fishing, upland game birds, migratory birds,  
black bear, and mountain lion ..... **406-444-2535**  
Nonresident mailing list for deer and  
elk big game combination licenses  
and regulations ..... **406-444-2950**  
Telephone Device for the Deaf ..... **406-444-1200**

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Havre, MT 59501  
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#### REGION 7

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### Contacts Outside Fish, Wildlife & Parks

#### Montana State Agencies

Agriculture  
406-444-3144  
Guides & Outfitters  
406-841-2372  
Livestock  
406-444-2976  
State Lands  
406-444-2074  
Tourism  
406-841-2870

#### Federal Agencies

US Department of Interior  
202-208-3100  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
406-449-5225  
US Forest Service  
406-449-5201

#### Federal Agencies continued

Bureau of Land Management  
406-896-5000  
National Weather Service  
406-329-4840 (Missoula)

#### Tribal Lands

Blackfeet Reservation  
406-338-7276  
Crow Reservation  
406-638-2601  
Flathead Reservation  
406-675-2700  
Fort Belknap  
406-353-2205  
Fort Peck Reservation  
406-768-5305  
Northern Cheyenne Reservation  
406-477-8844  
Rocky Boy Reservation  
406-395-4207

Please report the band number, location and date shot for any banded migratory game bird that you harvest to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at

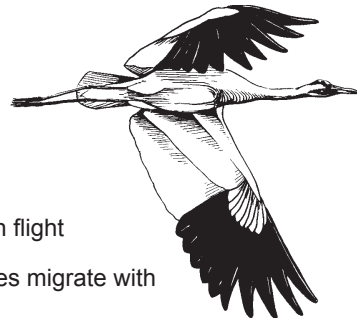
[www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov)

or by calling 1-800-327-BAND (1-800-327-2263)

If a Whooping Crane is sighted  
please call – 406-444-2612

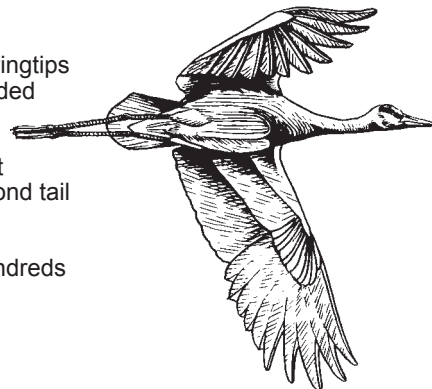
#### Whooping Cranes

- White with black wingtips
- Juveniles have a mixture of white and brown body feathers, with black wingtips
- Necks long, extended straight forward in flight
- Wingspan: 7 feet
- Legs extend beyond tail in flight
- Slow wingbeat
- Flocks of 2 to 7, sometimes migrate with sandhill cranes



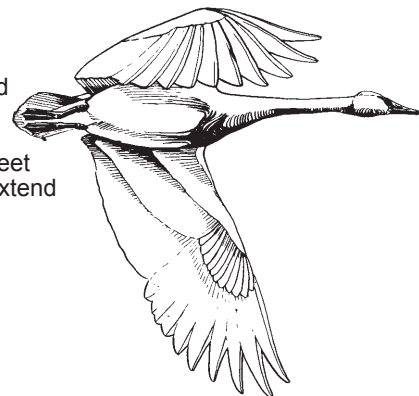
#### Sandhill Cranes

- Gray, with dark wingtips
- Neck long, extended straight forward in flight
- Wingspan: 5 feet
- Legs extend beyond tail in flight
- Slow wingbeat
- Flocks of 2 to hundreds



#### Swans

- All white
- Neck long, extended straight forward in flight
- Wingspan: over 6 feet
- Short legs, do not extend beyond tail in flight
- Flocks of 2 to 10



#### Snow Geese

- White with black wingtips
- Wingspan: 3 to 4 feet
- Short legs
- Rapid wingbeat
- Flocks of 20 to hundreds

